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SUBJECT: R/V ALPHA HELIX CLEARANCE REQUEST, 15 JUNE - 28 JULY 1978

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1. ON MAY 9 EMBASSY TRANSMITTED BY HAND REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE FROM ECUADOREAN NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FOR BARTHOLOMEW RESEARCH. SET OF FULL RESEARCH PROPOSAL, AS RECEIVED BY EMBASSY, WAS INCLUDED. EMBASSY ALSO SENT A COPY OF ALL INFORMATION TO THE PARK SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GALAPAGOS, AND INFORMED DARWIN STATION DIRECTOR HOECK OF ACTION TAKEN. SHIP'S TRACK AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED MAY 19 AND WILL BE TRANSMITTED ASAP TO GOE.

2. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, EMBASSY WAS SURPRISED TO RECEIVE REFTEL. CONVERSATION WITH DARWIN STATION REPRESENTATIVE IN QUITO ON MAY 19 ELICITED INFORMATION THAT STATION ITSELF HAD NEVER RECEIVED DETAILED RESEARCH PROPOSAL FROM BARTHOLOMEW AND, LACKING SUCH INFORMATION, COULD NOT APPROVE PROPOSAL. (PRESUMABLY HOECK HAD NOT RECEIVED EMBASSY'S LETTER WHEN HE CONTACTED BARTHOLOMEW). EMBASSY IS SENDING TO HOECK BY NEXT PLANE A COPY OF THE PROPOSAL, AND STATION REP WILL CONTACT HIM BY RADIO AND INFORM HIM THAT DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN SENT TO APPROPRIATE GOE OFFICES. HOPEFULLY THAT WILL SATISFY STATION'S NEEDS.

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3. COMMENT: IT WAS EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING THAT WE WERE TO SEEK GOE CLEARANCES AND THAT BARTHOLOMEW AND ALPHA HELIX HAD ALREADY OBTAINED NECESSARY DARWIN FOUNDATION CLEARANCES. IT NOW APPEARS FROM CONTACT WITH DARWIN STATION REP THAT THERE HAS NOT BEEN ADEQUATE COORDINATION WITH THE FOUNDATION. WE ARE INCAPABLE OF OBTAINING ALL

OF THE CLEARANCES NECESSARY FOR RESEARCH IN THE GALAPAGOS.
RESEARCHERS SHOULD UNDERSTAND CLEARLY THAT EMBASSY AND
USG CAN DO NO MORE THAN HELP WITH GOE CLEARANCES, AND
THAT VERIFYING WHAT OTHER REQUIREMENTS MIGHT EXIST AND
COMPLYING WITH THEM MUST BE UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL RESEARCHER.
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